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For: DEVICE FOR AUTOMATICALLY PRODUCING AN OPENING OR CAVITY IN
THE SIDE OF A CERAMIC PRODUCT DURING MOLDING A MOULD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period for responding is extended by the attached petition. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

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